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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION

Effective January 1, 2020: NIC now requires ALL candidates who sit for any NIC practical examination to use only viricidal, bactericidal and fungicidal disinfecting WIPES. Spray disinfectant is no longer allowed in the testing rooms and will be confiscated. Candidates may remove wipes from a larger container and place in a closable plastic bag, copy and apply to the outside of the bag the appropriate manufacturers label and utilize in the examination with no issues. This change is in effect now.

MASTER BARBER EXAMINATION CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN

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EXAMINATIONS BY PSI SERVICES LLC

This Candidate Information Bulletin provides information about the examination and application process for becoming licensed as cosmetologists in the State of Virginia. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (Department) has contracted with PSI LLC (PSI) to conduct its examinations.

STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

In order to receive a Master Barber license in the Commonwealth of Virginia, you must pass both a NIC **Theory** and **Practical** examination within one year of the date of your first examination and you must meet **ONE** of the following requirements:

1. Completion of 400 hours of an approved master barber training program from an approved Virginia licensed barber school: ***Required Documentation: Completed Training and Experience Verification Form, which you can download from PSI's website, complete as directed and upload to your PSI account.***
2. Completion of 1500 hours from an approved barber training or a dual barber/master barber training program in a Virginia licensed barber school or a Virginia public school barber program approved by the Virginia Department of Education. ***Required Documentation: Completed Training and Experience Verification Form, which you can download from PSI's website, complete as directed and upload to your PSI account.***
3. Successful completion of 1500 hours of master barber training which is substantially equivalent to the Virginia program that is obtained outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia, but within the United States and its territories. ***Required Documentation: Upload to your PSI account your diploma, official school transcript or written verification from the Licensing Board in the State where the 1500 hours were received, any of which should indicate that you successfully completed 1500 hours of instruction.***
4. Completion of a substantially equivalent master barber course (consisting of **less** than 1500 hours of training) **and** six months of barber work experience. Both training and experience must be obtained outside the Commonwealth of Virginia, but within the United States and its territories. ***Required Documentation: Upload to your PSI account your certificate, diploma or other documentation verifying successful completion of the master barber course AND a completed Training and Experience Verification Form documenting a least six months of master barber work experience, which you can download from PSI's website and complete as directed.***
5. Completion of the Virginia apprenticeship program in master barbering. ***Required Documentation: A completed*** **Department of Labor and Industry Form** ***available from your apprenticeship representative. The original form must be mailed directly to PSI. Copies will not be accepted.***
6. Virginia licensed cosmetologist with a minimum of two years of work experience. ***Required Info: Please be prepared to enter your VA Cosmetologist License # and Expiration Date on your Examination and License application. Required Documentation: Completed Training and Experience Verification Form, which you can download from PSI's website, complete as directed and upload to your PSI account.***
7. Virginia licensed cosmetologist with **less** than two years of work experience and cosmetology student enrolled in a Virginia barber training school and seeking credit for performances completed at a cosmetology school. ***Required Info: Please be prepared to enter your VA Cosmetologist License # and Expiration Date on your Examination and License application. Required Documentation: Completed Training and Experience Verification Form, which you can download from PSI's website, complete as directed and upload to your PSI account.***
8. Master Barber training obtained in any Virginia State Institution. ***Required Documentation: Upload a completed Training and Experience Verification Form to your PSI account, which you can download from PSI's website.***
9. Two years of master barbering experience in the United States Armed Forces. ***Required Documentation: Upload a completed Training and Experience Verification Form to your PSI account, which you can download from PSI's website.***
10. Applying to take the Barber *Instructor* examination. ***Required Info: Please be prepared to enter your VA Barber License # and Expiration Date on your Examination and License application.***
11. Previously licensed in Virginia by examination and past the reinstatement period (two years or more since your previous license expired). ***Required Documentation: PSI will obtain Verification from the Virginia Board for Barbers and Cosmetology.***

TEMPORARY PERMITS

If you are requesting the Board to issue a Temporary Permit on your behalf, you must properly complete your application with the required sponsorship information and signatures in place. Once your application has been reviewed and approved, the request for a permit will be processed and forwarded to the Board for final approval and permit issuance. You can expect the temporary permit to be issued approximately five days following approval to take the exam. Temporary Permits are issued only once and are valid for 45 days following the date of your initial examination.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

Any Candidate who has a conviction must indicate this on their application and submit a Criminal Conviction Reporting Form and a State Police Report requested within the last 3 months by uploading to their home page. Convictions adjudicated as a minor in the juvenile court system do not need to be reported on the application.

Individuals with criminal convictions are required to submit a Virginia State Police Criminal History Report and a criminal conviction reporting form (which you can download from the forms section on PSI's website). The report must include all pages (including the cover sheet) and contain a red stamp. The report may be uploaded to your PSI account if it is in color, to depict the red stamp.

EXPIRED LICENSE

How to Reinstate an Expired License

1. If your license has been expired for less than two years, contact the Board at (804) 367-8509.
2. If your license has been expired for more than two years, apply directly with PSI and follow the prompts. You will be required to take both the current theory and practical examinations again.

ENDORSEMENT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

If you hold a license in a state other than Virginia, contact the Board at (804) 367-8509.

EXAMINATION ELIGIBILTY REQUIREMENTS

Become eligible to take the examination:

Complete the *Licensure by Examination Application* online at vacos.useclarus.com**.** NOTE: The on-line system allows for the uploading of documents such as the Training and Experience Verification Form, proof of identification, and any supporting documentation required to complete the application. Payment for the on-line application is required to be made in the form of a credit/debit card.

If you are unable to submit your application online, you may mail the completed application, including all required documents to:

PSI/Virginia Barber Cosmetology Program
PO Box 887
Wheat Ridge, CO 80034
www.psiexams.com
vacos@psionline.com
va.cos.brighttrac.com
(855) 229-9302

- Within 5 calendar days of the application received date, you will be notified, via email, that your application has been approved or that your application is deficient (specifying the outstanding requirements).
- Upon approval, PSI will email a confirmation notice. You will then be responsible for contacting PSI to pay and schedule for the examination.
- You must pass both a NIC Theory and Practical (if applicable) examination within one year of the initial examination date.
- If you fail the examination, you may retest an unlimited number of times during the one (1) year eligibility period.
- Applications are valid for one (1) year and you must submit a new application and fee if you have failed to pass both portions of the examination. You will need to retake the entire examination including any previously passed parts.

  NOTE: All fees are **non-refundable** and **non-transferable.**

FIRST TIME CANDIDATES

Application Requirements

As a part of the application, the following items must be uploaded to your account with PSI:

- A current 2” x 2” passport color photo taken within the last six months to reflect your current appearance. It must be sized so that your head is approximately 1 inch from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head. It must be taken in front of a plain, white background and be a full-face view, directly facing the camera with a neutral facial expression. Selfies are not accepted. If these requirements are not met, you will receive notification that you need to submit a new photo and your application will remain incomplete until the photo meets the requirements.
- Any required documents that coincide with your method of applying for Licensure (i.e. Virginia education requires Training and Experience and Verification form).
- Criminal history (if applicable).
- A copy of Social Security Card or VA DMV Photo ID (Driver’s License). Please upload the document that matches what you provided on the DPOR application.
- Examination Agreement Form: Please select a practical location and sign the Informed Consent and Waiver Agreement section. Once completed, please upload this Agreement to your account. This form can be found under Virginia’s Forms section online.

If you are not approved because of an incomplete application, discrepancies, missing documentation, including signatures, you will be contacted by PSI and your application will be pending until you make the necessary and requested corrections.

Should any document listed above be under a different name than the name provided on your application, legal documentation of name change (i.e. marriage certificate, divorce decree, petition for name change) must be uploaded to your PSI account.

EXAMINATION SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Once you are approved by the Department, you will receive an email confirmation from PSI. It is your responsibility to contact PSI to pay and schedule for the examination.

EXAMINATION FE ES

Practical Examination	**$86**
Theory Examination	**$86**
Practical Examination (Retake)	**$86**
Theory Examination (Retake)	**$86**

NOTE: EXAMINATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE. THE EXAMINATION FEE IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF PAYMENT.

ON-LINE (WWW.PSIEXAMS.COM)

For the fastest and most convenient test scheduling process, it is recommended that candidates register for the exams using the Internet. Candidates register online by accessing PSI's registration website at www.psiexams.com. Internet registration is available 24 hours a day.

- Candidates will need to Log onto PSI's website and create an account. Email address and first and last name are required. The information provided must match exactly with the information PSI has on file. For candidates that may have registered before, **check the box next to** "*Check here to attempt to locate existing records for you in the system*".
- Candidates will be asked to select the examination and enter their PSI ID# which is included in the authorization to test email that is sent by PSI once the application is determined to be complete. The record will be found and the candidate will now be ready to pay for and schedule the exam. Candidates will enter their zip code and a list of the testing sites closest to the zip code entered will appear. The candidate will select the desired test site and available dates will appear. For issues with scheduling contact PSI at (833) 310-6427 for help.

TELEPHONE (833-310-6427)

For telephone registration, you will need a valid credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). PSI registrars are available Monday through Friday between 7:30 am and 10:00 pm, and Saturday-Sunday between 9:00 am and 5:30 pm, Eastern Time.

RESCHEDULING/CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee if your *cancellation notice is received 2 days before the scheduled examination date*. For example, for a Monday appointment, the cancellation notice would need to be received on the previous Saturday. You may call PSI at (833) 310-6427.

Note: A voicemail or email message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the PSI Website or call PSI to speak directly to a Customer Service Representative.

RETAKING A FAILED EXAMINATION

It is not possible to make a new examination appointment on the same day you have taken an examination; this is due to processing and reporting results. A candidate who tests unsuccessfully on a Wednesday can call the next day, Thursday, and retest as soon as Friday, depending upon space availability. You may access a registration form at www.psiexams.com. You may also call PSI at ((833) 310-6427.

MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

If you miss your appointment, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled. Further you will forfeit your examination fee, if you:

- Do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the scheduled examination date;
- Do not appear for your examination appointment;
- Are not checked in by your scheduled start time;
- Do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

EXAMINATION ACCOMMODATIONS

All examination centers are equipped to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and reasonable accommodations may be made in meeting a candidate's testing needs. Candidates with disabilities or those who require reasonable and appropriate testing accommodations are not guaranteed improved performance or test completion.

Applicants with disabilities or those who would otherwise have difficulty taking the examination should request for alternative arrangements by Clicking Here.

Requirements for exam accommodation requests:

You are required to submit documentation from the medical authority or learning institution that rendered a diagnosis. Verification must be uploaded to PSI on the letterhead stationery of the authority or specialist and include the following:

- Description of the disability and limitations related to testing
- Recommended accommodation/modification
- Name, title and telephone number of the medical authority or specialist
- Original signature of the medical authority or specialist

If you are requesting the following, please select Other.

- ❒ ESL Accommodation (If English is not your primary language and you are taking the English version of the examination), you may qualify for additional time for your test by requesting an ESL authorization from PSI, specifically time and a half. Please include:
  - A personal letter requesting the authorization; and
  - A letter from your English instructor or sponsoring company (on company letterhead), certifying that English is not your primary language.

EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (833) 310-6427. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You may also check our website at www.psiexams.com.

THEORY EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS

Following are the examination centers where you may take the Virginia licensing examinations. Virginia candidates can only test at the examination centers listed below. They are not allowed to test out-of-state.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
205 S. Whiting St
The Landmark Building, Suite 608
Alexandria, VA 22304
The Brainseed Testing Center is located at 205 S. Whiting Street, Suite 608 (6th floor), Alexandria, VA 22304. The Center is located within The Landmark Building and is easily accessible from I-395. From the North or South, take Exit #3A (Duke/Landmark. Take a right on S. Walker, right on Stevenson Avenue and a left on to S. Whiting Street. Free parking is available above ground and in the underground parking garage.

From the East, take the Capital Beltway (I-95 South) to I-395 North. Take a right on S. Walker, right on Steven Avenue and a left on to S. Whiting Street. Free parking is available above ground and in the underground parking garage. Call 703-825-3036 if location assistance is needed.

ASHBURN AREA
44075 Pipeline Plaza No. 115
Ashburn, VA 20147
Directions from Dulles Airport:Take Route 28 North. Take the VA-625 W ramp to Pacific Blvd. South/Ashburn Continue straight on Farmwell Rd for 3/4 miles. Turn Left onto Pipeline Plaza, Located just before PNC Bank, Before Intersection of Ashburn Village Blvd & Farmwell Rd.

Directions from Rt 28. From Rt 28 go towards CARMAX / WEGMANS Take the VA-625 W ramp to Waxpool Road, Pacific Blvd South/Ashburn Continue on Farmwell Rd Arrive at Ashburn Village Blvd & Farmwell Rd Turn Left onto Pipeline Plaza. Next to PNC Bank.

CHARLOTTESVILLE
2114 Angus Road, Suite #105-B
Charlottesville, VA 22901
If going West on US-250, turn right onto US-29N/N Emmet St. Continue on Emmet Street and turn left on Angus Rd.
If going East on US-250, turn left onto US-29N/N Emmet St. Continue on Emmet Street and turn left on Angus Rd.

FREDERICKSBURG AREA
2217 Princess Anne Street, Suite 105-11
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
From Richmond: 95S exit 130A, SR-3E 1.5 miles, turn right on US-1N. Go 1.7 miles, turn right on Princess Anne St., go 0.3 miles. Turn left into General Washington Executive Center across from Carl's Ice Cream. From Washington DC: 95S exit 133A toward Falmouth. Go approximately 2 miles, turn right on Route 1S. Go over bridge and turn left on Princess Anne St., go 0.3 miles. Turn left into General Washington Executive Center, across from Carl's Ice Cream.

HARRISONBURG AREA
2322 Blue Stone Hills Drive, Suite 280
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Chestnut Ridge Road and then take the first right on to Blue Stone Hills Drive. The Center is the second building on the right.

HERNDON AREA
205 Van Buren St., Ste 140
Herndon, VA 20170
Start on Saarinen Cir toward Dulles Access Rd. Merge onto VA-267 E/Dulles Access Toll Rd toward Herndon/Chantilly/Fairfax Co Pkwy. Take exit, EXIT 10, toward Herndon/Chantilly. Turn left onto VA-228/Centreville Rd. Continue to follow VA-228. Turn right onto Herndon Pkwy. Turn right onto Van Buren St.

NORFOLK AREA
861 Glenrock Rd., Ste 105
Norfolk, VA 23502
Take Ramp onto US-13 (North Military Hwy)-0.6 miles and then Turn RIGHT (East) onto Poplar Hall Dr-0.5 miles, then turn left (North) onto Glenrock Rd-(drive approx.1/2 block)-0.1 miles. Arrive-Circle East Building on left at Mall (Parking) Entrance. When you come into the lobby, take the first hallway to the right, first door on the right.

RICHMOND
Moorefield VI Building
620 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 205
Richmond, VA 23236
From I-64E, take the Parham Rd exit and turn right. N Parham Rd/VA-73 S becomes VA-150 S/Chippenham Pkwy. Merge onto VA-76 S/Powhite Pkwy. Merge onto Midlothian Turnpike West. Turn left on Moorefield Park Dr.

ROANOKE AREA
5115 Bernard Dr, Suite 104
Roanoke, VA 24018
From VA-419 – Head southeast on VA-419 towards Springwood Park Dr. Turn right onto Bernard Dr. The office will be on the left. If you reach Penn Forest Blvd, you've gone too far. When you come into the main entrance, take the stairs or elevator down to the first floor.
From US-220 S – Take ramp right for US-220BR/VA-419 North toward Salem. Turn right onto VA-419N/Electric Road. Bear left onto Bernard Dr. The office will be on the left. If you reach Penn Forest Blvd, you've gone too far. When you come into the main entrance, take the stairs or elevator down to the first floor.

VIENNA AREA
1919 Gallows Rd, Suite 360
Vienna, VA 22182
From I-495 S – Take exit 47 A-B to merge onto VA-7 W/Leesburg Pike towards Tyson's Corner. Use the left lane to turn left onto Gallows Rd. Turn left at the first cross street onto Boone Blvd. The complex will be your right. The building where the test center is located is on the left side of the circle drive. Take the elevator to the third floor. The test center is in suite 360.

Surface and garage parking is available on site. The first hour is free. It is $4 for 1-2 hours and $6 for anything above that. Parking will be validated. Please give yourself extra time to park when arriving to take your exam.

VIRGINIA BEACH
484 Viking Dr, Suite 105
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
From I-264E – take exit 19A for Lynnhaven Pkwy S. Merge onto Lynnhaven Pkwy S. In about ½ mile turn right onto Viking Dr. The office is in the second building on the right.

From VA-615/Princess Anne Rd going north – turn left onto Seaboard Plaza. In about 2.5 miles turn left onto VA-149/Princess Anne Rd. In 1 mile, turn right onto VA-410/Holland Rd. In about 4 miles, turn right onto VA-414N/Lynnhaven Pkwy. In roughly 2.5 miles, turn left onto Viking Dr. The office is in the second building on the right.

Suite 105 is located on the first floor. For easiest access, park on the left side of the lot. If you enter on the south side entrance (this would be the entrance on the left side of the building when looking straight at the building), the PSI test center will be the first door on your left once you walk in.

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS

CHESAPEAKE
Hampton Inn & Suites
1421 North Battlefield Blvd
Chesapeake, VA 23320
Follow I-95 S and I-64 E to Chesapeake. Take exit 290A-290B from I-64 E. Merge onto N Battlefield Blvd. Make a U-turn at Volvo Pkwy. Turn right onto Coastal Way, then turn left.

SPRINGFIELD
Comfort Inn
6560 Loisdale Court
Springfield, VA 22150
Head south on VA-617 S / Amherst Ave toward Cumberland Ave. Turn left onto VA-789 / Commerce St. Keep straight onto Loisdale Rd.

RICHMOND
Homewood Suites
5996 Audubon Dr
Sandston, VA 23150
Follow I-64 W to VA-156 N/S Airport Dr in Varina. Take exit 197B from I-64 W. Turn right onto VA-156 N/S Airport Dr. Make a U-turn at Eastpark Ct. Turn left onto Audubon Dr.

LYNCHBURG
Hampton Inn & Suites
3600 Liberty Mountain Dr
Lynchburg, VA 24502
Follow US-29 S toward Danville. Turn left onto Liberty Mountain Dr.

ROANOKE
Hampton Inn & Suites
5033 Valley View Blvd
Roanoke, VA 24001
Follow I-581 S/US-220 S. Take exit 3E for VA-101 E/Hershberger Rd toward Airport. Merge onto VA-101 E/Hershberger Rd NW. Turn right onto Valley View Blvd NW, then left, then turn right.

REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you should arrive at least 30 minutes before your appointment. This extra time is for sign-in, identification, and familiarizing you with the examination process. *If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you will forfeit your examination registration fee.*

For security and identification purposes, all candidates will have their fingerprint taken during the examination check-in.

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE

You must provide 2 forms of VALID (not expired) identification. One must be a VALID form of government-issued identification (Driver's License, State ID, Passport, Military ID) which bears your signature and has your photograph. The second ID must have your signature and preprinted legal name. **All identification provided must match the legal name that you registered under to take the examination. If the name in the PSI system does not match the name on your government-issued ID and 2nd form of ID, you will not be permitted to take the examination and the examination fee will be forfeited.**

SECURITY PROCEDURES

The following security procedures apply during examinations:

- Word-for-word translation dictionaries are not allowed.
- Calculators are not allowed.
- All personal belongings of candidates should be placed in the secure storage provided at each site prior to entering the examination room. Personal belongings **include**, **but are not limited to**, the following items:
  - **Electronic devices of any type, including cellular / mobile phones, recording devices, electronic watches, cameras, pagers, laptop computers, tablet computers (e.g., iPads), music players (e.g., iPods), smart watches, radios, or electronic games.**
  - **Bulky or loose clothing or coats** that could be used to conceal recording devices or notes. For security purposes outerwear such as, but not limited to: open sweaters, cardigans, shawls, scarves, hoodies, vests, jackets and coats are not permitted in the testing room. **In the event you are asked to remove the outerwear, appropriate attire, such as a shirt or blouse should be worn underneath.**
  - **Hats or headgear not worn for religious reasons** or as religious apparel, including hats, baseball caps, or visors.
  - **Other personal items**, including purses, notebooks, reference or reading material, briefcases, backpacks, wallets, pens, pencils, other writing devices, food, drinks, and good luck items.
- Although secure storage for personal items is provided at the examination site for your convenience, PSI is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of any personal belongings or prohibited items brought to, stored at, or left behind at the examination site. PSI assumes no duty of care with respect to such items and makes no representation that the secure storage provided will be effective in protecting such items. If you leave any items at the examination site after your examination and do not claim them within 30 days, they will be disposed of or donated, at PSI's sole discretion.
- Person(s) accompanying an examination candidate may not wait in the examination center, inside the building or on the building's property. This applies to guests of any nature, including drivers, children, friends, family, colleagues or instructors.
- No smoking, eating, or drinking is allowed in the examination center.
- During the check in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any prohibited items. Candidates may also be asked to empty their pockets and turn them out for the proctor to ensure they are empty. The proctor may also ask candidates to lift up the ends of their sleeves and the bottoms of their pant legs to ensure that notes or recording devices are not being hidden there.
- Proctors will also carefully inspect eyeglass frames, tie tacks, or any other apparel that could be used to harbor a recording device. Proctors will ask to inspect any such items in candidates' pockets.
- If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates shall put them in the provided secure storage or return these items to their vehicle. PSI will not be responsible for the security of any personal belongings or prohibited items.
- Any candidate possessing prohibited items in the examination room shall immediately have his or her test results invalidated, and PSI shall notify the examination sponsor of the occurrence.
- Any candidate seen giving or receiving assistance on an examination, found with unauthorized materials, or who violates any security regulations will be asked to surrender all examination materials and to leave the examination center. All such instances will be reported to the examination sponsor.
- Once candidates have been seated and the examination begins, they may leave the examination room only to use the restroom, and only after obtaining permission from the proctor. Candidate will not receive extra time to complete the examination.

TAKING THE THEORY EXAMINATION (COMPUTER BASED)

The examination will be administered via computer. You will be using a mouse and computer keyboard.

IDENTIFICATION SCREEN

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.

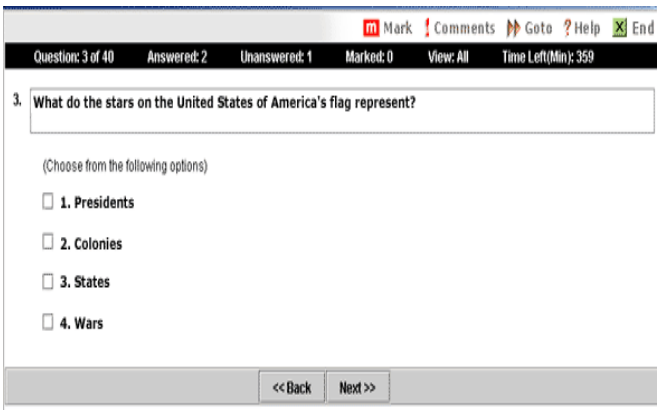
TUTORIAL

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included following the tutorial so that you may practice answering questions, and reviewing your answers.

TEST QUESTION SCREEN

The "function bar" at the top of the test question provides mouse-click access to the features available while taking the examination.

One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers.



IMPORTANT: After you have entered your responses, you will later be able to return to any question(s) and change your response, provided the examination time has not run out.

EXAMINATION REVIEW

While taking the theory examination, examinees will have the opportunity to provide comments on any questions. Comments may be entered by clicking the Comments link of the function bar of the test question screen.

These comments will be analyzed by PSI examination development staff. PSI does not respond to individuals regarding these comments, all substantive comments are reviewed. **This is the only review of examination materials available to candidates.**

SCORE REPORTING

Examination results for both theory and practical are provided to you immediately following completion of the examination. The minimum score required to pass both the theory and practical examination is 75. When you complete the examination, you will receive a score report indicating "FAIL" or "PASS".

DUPLICATE SCORE REPORTS

You may request a duplicate score report after completing the examination by emailing scorereport@psionline.com or by calling (833) 310-6427.

PREPARATION TIPS FOR THE THEORY EXAMINATION

The following suggestions will help you prepare for the examination.

- Planned preparation increases your likelihood of passing.
- Start with a current copy of this Candidate Information Bulletin and use the examination content outline as your starting point.
- Take notes on what you study. Putting information in writing helps you commit it to memory and it is also an excellent business practice. Underline or highlight key ideas that will help with a later review.
- Discuss new terms or concepts as frequently as you can with colleagues. This will test your understanding and reinforce ideas.
- Your studies will be most effective if you study frequently, for periods of about 45 to 60 minutes. Concentration tends to wander when you study for longer periods of time.

EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE AND REFERENCE MATERIALS

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION DRESS CODE

You should dress professionally, as you would when you are working in a shop. You are not allowed to have your name, your school name, or a shop name on your professional attire or kit.

THEORY EXAMINATION

The Virginia NIC Theory Examination includes Virginia State Laws and Regulations.

- 10 Virginia State questions are included within the Virginia NIC Theory Examination.

The reference for these questions are found in the Virginia Board for Barbers & Cosmetology Regulations: http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/Boards/BarberCosmo/. Click on the "Laws and Regulations" tab. Following is the correct regulation for each profession.

- Cosmetology, Barber, Nail Tech, Wax Tech - 18 VAC 41-20
- Esthetician, Master Esthetician - 18 VAC 41-70
- Tattooer, Permanent Cosmetic Tattooer (PCT), Master PCT - 18 VAC 41-50
- Body Piercing - 18 VAC 41-60

Please note that the Virginia State Law questions are only provided in English.

NIC EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINES

Please see the following NIC Content Outline pages with details on what you will be tested on for both your theory and practical examinations, a checklist of items that will be needed for your practical examination, and references used for both examinations.

NATIONAL BARBER STYLING
THEORY EXAMINATION

CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN (CIB)

EXAMINATION CONTENT AND IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

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The National Barber Styling Theory Examination is the licensure examination for Barber Stylists, which is developed by the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC). This bulletin contains IMPORTANT INFORMATION regarding the examination, including content outline covered by the theory examination, sample questions and answers, and references. The time allowed for the Barber Styling Theory Examination is 90 minutes.

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For each NIC National Theory Examination, there are TWO (2) parts to every Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) stored as separate documents:

- ***Examination Content*** and ***Important Instructions*** – This provides information about the scope of content covered in the Theory examination and information and guidelines related to administration of the Theory examination.
- ***References*** – This provides a list of references used to develop and support the content covered in the examination. The references are always the same for the Theory and Practical examinations.

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- If you have an emergency situation please notify the proctor.
- The following provides examples of materials and actions that are prohibited during the examination administration:
    - Possession of cellular phones, pagers, tablets, computers, projectors, cameras, or any other electronic or recording devices, printed materials, or handwritten notes.
    - Communicating to other candidates.
    - Exhibiting disruptive behavior.
        - *The above referenced items or actions are not an exhaustive list. Failure to comply with any of these conditions or exhibiting ANY behavior that suggests an effort to cheat will result in your immediate dismissal from the examination and your actions reported to the proper authorities.*

BARBER STYLING THEORY EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE

The following outlines the scope of content covered by the NIC National Barber Styling Theory Examination. The percentages represent the percentage of items from each domain. The examination is comprised of 110 items of which 100 items are weighted and contribute to the candidate's final score.

1. Scientific Concepts - 35%

A. Infection Control and Safety Practices
- 1. Identify how disease and infection are caused and transmitted
- 2. Apply principles of infection control
  - a. Sanitation/Cleansing
  - b. Disinfection
  - c. Sterilization
  - d. Contamination and cross-contamination
- 3. Apply blood exposure procedures
- 4. Identify requirements of government agencies related to public protection (e.g., CDC, OSHA, EPA)

B. Human anatomy and physiology
- 1. Identify function and structure of the
  - a. Hair and scalp
  - b. Skin
- 2. Identify bones related to
  - a. Head and face
  - b. Neck, shoulders, and upper back
- 3. Identify muscles and joints and their functions related to
  - a. Head and face
  - b. Neck, shoulders, and upper back
- 4. Understand the functions of body systems
  - a. Nervous system
  - b. Circulatory system
  - c. Endocrine system
  - d. Integumentary system

C. Identify signs and symptoms of conditions, disorders, and diseases related to skin
- 1. Types
- 2. Treatments

D. Identify signs and symptoms of conditions, disorders, and diseases related to hair
- 1. Types
- 2. Treatments

E. Basic chemistry of products used in barbering
- 1. Understand the chemical pH scale
- 2. Understand purpose and effects of products, ingredients, and their interactions
- 3. Understand interactions among chemicals
- 4. Understand chemical reactions (e.g., overexposure, chemical burn, inhalation)

2. Implements and Equipment - 10%

A. Identify function, purpose, and care of tools used in hair services
- 1. Equipment (e.g., chair, workstation)
- 2. Implements (e.g., razors, shears, combs/brushes)
- 3. Supplies and materials (e.g., towels, drape, neck strips)
- 4. Electrical tools (e.g., clippers, blow dryers)

B. Understand and apply safety and sanitation practices for use of implements and equipment

3. Hair Care Services - 40%

A. Client consultation, analysis, and documentation for hair care services
    1. Analyze condition of client's hair and scalp (i.e., assessment)
    2. Recognize conditions that would prohibit service (i.e., contraindications)
    3. Determine services and/or products
    4. Document and maintain client records (e.g., consultation card, service history, medical history)
B. Hair Care
    1. Apply knowledge of draping (e.g., chemical, shampoo, haircutting)
    2. Apply knowledge of principles and procedures for shampooing and conditioning
    3. Apply knowledge of principles and procedures for scalp treatments and scalp massage/manipulation
C. Hair Design
    1. Apply knowledge of principles, procedures, and safety of haircutting
        a. Shaping
        b. Outlining
        c. Neck shave
    2. Apply knowledge of principles, procedures, and safety of hair styling
        a. Wet styling
        b. Blow-dry styling
        c. Thermal styling
        d. Natural hair styling (e.g., braiding, locks)
    3. Apply knowledge of hair enhancement options
D. Apply knowledge of preparation, procedures, and safety for head shaving
E. Apply knowledge of principles, procedures, and safety for chemical services
    1. Understand preliminary tests (e.g., purposes, uses, applications):
        a. Predisposition
        b. Strand test
    2. Hair coloring (including facial hair)
    3. Hair lightening
    4. Foiling
    5. Chemical hair relaxing/restructuring and curl reduction
        a. Hydroxide
        b. Thio
        c. Keratin
    6. Chemical waving/texturizing:
        a. Alkaline
        b. Acid
        c. Non-thio

4. Facial Hair and Skin Care Services - 15%

A. Client consultation, analysis, and documentation for facial hair and skin care services
    1. Evaluate client's skin (e.g., type, condition)
    2. Identify contraindications:
        a. Disorders
        b. Diseases
    3. Determine services and/or products
    4. Document and maintain client records (e.g., consultation card, service history, medical history)
B. Apply knowledge of draping for facial hair and skin care services
C. Apply knowledge of principles, procedures, and safety for facial hair and skin care services
    1. Complete shave service with required strokes
    2. Facial hair design
    3. Facial (e.g., cleansing, steam towel, massage)
    4. Electrotherapy and light therapy
D. Apply knowledge of purpose and types of electrotherapy and light therapy

BARBER STYLING THEORY EXAMINATION
SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The following sample questions are similar to those on the NIC Barber Styling Theory Examination. Each question is followed by four answer options. Only one option is correct. Correct answers (keys) are listed following the sample questions.

1. Anthrax and tetanus bacilli form which type of spores?
   a. Mitosis
   b. Flagella
   c. Spherical
   d. Infectious

2. All French style shears
   a. are cobalt metal.
   b. have a finger brace.
   c. are made in France.
   d. have tight pivots.

3. Prior to a shaving service the headrest **MUST** be
   a. washed and dried.
   b. disinfected and covered.
   c. washed and removed.
   d. sanitized and sterilized.

4. To avoid damage to muscle tissue, the movements of a massage are directed
   a. away from the origin of the muscle.
   b. toward the origin of the muscle.
   c. around the origin of the muscle.
   d. above the origin of the muscle.

5. Which of the following can permanently relieve split ends?
   a. Applying oil to the ends
   b. Using a styling gel on the ends
   c. Moistening the ends
   d. Cutting the ends

6. The diameter of a single strand of hair is also called
   a. growth pattern.
   b. porosity.
   c. density.
   d. texture.

7. What should be performed **FIRST** before applying permanent haircolor?
   a. Strand test
   b. Patch test
   c. Curl test
   d. Texture test

8. Before sodium hydroxide processing, hair should be analyzed to determine its
   a. acidity.
   b. alkalinity.
   c. texture, porosity, and elasticity.
   d. density, color, and end bonds.

Answers

1. c	4. b	7. b
2. b	5. d	8. c
3. b	6. d	

NATIONAL ***BARBER STYLING***
PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN (CIB)

EXAMINATION CONTENT AND IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

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National Barber Styling Practical Examination is the licensure examination for Barbering, which is developed by the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC).

This bulletin contains IMPORTANT INFORMATION regarding the NIC National Barber Styling Practical Examination content and administration for Barber Styling core services and additional sections.

For each NIC National Practical Examination, there are multiple parts to every Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) stored as separate documents:

- ***Important Instructions and Examination Core Domain Content*** – This provides information and guidelines related to administration of the Practical examination and information about the scope of content covered in the core sections of the Practical examination.
- ***Additional Services –*** These provide information about additional sections offered by NIC for examination. Check with your State regulatory agency or examination administration vendor to determine which of these sections your State requires as part of their Practical examination.
- ***References*** – This provides a list of references used to develop and support the content covered in NIC examinations.
  The references will always be the same for both Theory and Practical examinations.

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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not leave the examination area without permission. Permission must be obtained to leave the examination area for any reason, including restroom usage or at the completion of the examination. **Picture ID is required for re-entry into the examination.**
- Candidates are required to bring a supply kit for their own use.
  - It is the candidate's responsibility to make certain they have a sufficient quantity of supplies that have been properly cleaned and disinfected and that implements are in proper working order.
  - The kit will be used during the examination as dry storage and is considered part of the work area. The kit must be kept closed except when removing materials for a particular service.
  - Candidates may remove items, supplies, etc., from the kit at any time, however **nothing** may be returned to the kit.
  - All examinations are administered in a testing environment.
  - Candidates are evaluated at all times. Continue working until you have completed the entire section or time has elapsed.
- Due to standardization of the NIC National Examinations. Proctors and examiners are required to adhere to the following standards:
  - The verbal instructions will be read twice for each section of the examination.
  - With the exception of verbal instructions or an emergency situation, the proctors and/or examiners are

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not allowed to communicate with candidates.
  - Examiners are not allowed to speak with candidates.
  - Candidates requesting information during the examination will be told one of the following statements:
    - "Do the best you can with what you have available."
    - "Do as you were taught."
  - If a candidate experiences an emergency situation, please notify the proctor by raising your hand.

- Candidates will be given time to set up the universal (also known as general) supplies they will use throughout the examination.
  - Each section of the examination has a maximum time allowance, with the exception of those specified as untimed sections.
  - Once a candidate has completed all tasks in the section, please step back or turn the hand toward the examiner (in the case of nail sections) to indicate they have finished.
  - In the event that all candidates complete a section <u>before</u> the time has elapsed, the examiners will proceed to the next section of the examination.
  - When the timer goes off, all candidates must stop working and step back or turn the hand toward the examiner (in the case of nail services) IMMEDIATELY.

- During all phases of the examination, candidates must follow all appropriate public protection and infection control procedures and maintain a safe work area.
  - In the event of a blood exposure incident, candidates will be expected to follow the NIC Blood Exposure Procedure.

  <u>Failure to do so may result in your dismissal from the examination.</u>
    - *Be sure to contact your examination provider to obtain the most current version of, and any addendums, to the NIC Blood Exposure Procedure, OR go to www.nictesting.org for a current downloadable copy.*
  - **If a candidate does not follow infection control procedures or allows the work area to become and remain unsafe, the result may be a failing score for the examination.**

- The following provides examples of materials and actions that are prohibited during the examination administration:
  - Possession of cellular phones, pagers, tablets, computers, projectors, cameras, or any other electronic or recording devices, printed materials, or handwritten notes.
  - Purses, bags, coats, hats, and any other personal items not directly needed to complete the examination, are not allowed.
  - Exhibiting disruptive behavior.
  - Communicating to other candidates or any examiner.
    - *The above referenced items or actions are not an exhaustive list. Failure to comply with any of these conditions or exhibiting ANY behavior that suggests an effort to cheat will result in the immediate dismissal from the examination and the candidate's actions reported to the proper authorities.*

- **<u>All supplies must be labeled in English</u>**. When an original manufacturer's label is required, there can be NO handwritten or any other type of labeling. Original manufacturers' labels <u>must have English</u> and may also include other languages. All non-manufacturers created labels must be only in English.
  - Original manufacturer's labels are *required* for all disinfectants and hand sanitizers.
  - An EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant that demonstrates bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal properties must be used. Please refer to the *"Suggested Examination Supplies"* section to see any further state specific requirements for supplies and products.
  - Simulated products are *not* allowed for disinfectants and hand sanitizers.
  - ***NO AEROSOLS*** are allowed in the testing environment
  - Candidates are to perform all tasks, utilizing products and supplies, as they were taught. There is however, a section titled *"Suggested Examination Supplies"* provided for each section of the

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examination. Suggested Supplies can be found after the "Content Domains" section of this bulletin.

NIC MODEL OR MANNEQUIN REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to your state specific guidelines for model and mannequin requirements.

If your state requires that you use a mannequin head(s) or hand(s):

- Candidates who are required to use a mannequin head(s), it is the candidate's responsibility to come prepared for the examination.
- Mannequin heads that are premarked or presectioned are not allowed for any part of the practical examination.
- Mannequin hands must be an entire hand and cannot have removable digits.
- Mannequin heads and/or hands must be approved by the examination state/vendor prior to admittance into examination.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

The following information is vital and specific to the NIC National Barber Styling Practical Examination:

- Candidates will be evaluated on proper designation of materials that are disposed. Candidates are ***required*** to bring and use the following supplies for the appropriate disposal of materials:
  - Container labeled "**To be disinfected**"
  - Container labeled "**Soiled linens**"
  - Container labeled "**Trash**"
- It is specified that there is **more than one client** represented for the purpose of this examination. A new client is introduced and must be prepared for during the course of the examination (see Barber Styling Practical Examination Content Domains Sections).
- The following sections are new to the Barber Styling Practical Examination:
  - Blood Exposure Procedure (Content Domain Section 5)
  - Predisposition Test and Strand Test with Simulated Product (Content Domain Section 7)

- **Candidates are expected to brace any time they are working around the eye and mouth areas.**
- Candidates are not allowed to label products as single-use items.
- Use of single-use products may result in a failing score for the examination.
- Clippers MUST have a cord, or a cord simulated.
- A straight razor MUST be used.
- Check your state examination regulations for razor blade and live model and/or mannequin requirements.

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BARBER STYLING PRACTICAL EXAMINATION
CONTENT DOMAIN SECTIONS

The scope of the National Barber Styling Practical Examination includes 9 (nine) core domain sections. The Core Domain Sections are based on the national job analysis.

1. **Work Area and Client Preparation, and Set Up of Supplies** (First client, 10 minutes)
2. **Haircutting** (40 minutes)
3. **Work Area and New Client Preparation, and Set Up of Supplies** (Second client, 15 minutes)
4. **Shaving with Straight Razor** (Variable Timing)
5. **Blood Exposure Procedure** (10 minutes)
6. **Chemical Waving** (20 minutes)
7. **Predisposition Test and Strand Test with Simulated Product** (10 minutes)
8. **Chemical Relaxer – Virgin Application** (15 minutes)
9. **Hair Color – Retouch Application** (15 minutes)

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CONTENT DOMAINS

1. WORK AREA AND CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES (10 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
"You will prepare your work area for your client."
"You will set up the universal supplies you will use throughout the examination."
"You will also set up the supplies for the Haircutting section of the examination."
"You will prepare your client for services."
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will have 10 minutes to complete this section."
"You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining."
"Do not demonstrate any procedures until the verbal instructions are given and you are instructed to begin."
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."
(2) "You may begin."

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

1.1 Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled in English as EPA- registered, hospital-grade disinfectant
1.2 Sanitizes hands with product labeled in English
1.3 Universal supplies are labeled in English
1.4 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before the timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
"Please stop working."

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2. HAIRCUTTING (40 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
"You will perform a tapered Haircut with no blocked line at the nape."
"You will demonstrate clipper cutting with and without guard or detachable blade."
"You will demonstrate use of shear over comb."
"You will demonstrate fingers and shear cutting."
"You will cut at least ½ inch of hair throughout the haircut."
"You will be expected to complete and blend the haircut."
"You will also be expected to shave both sides of the neck with a straight razor."
"Do not remove your hair clippings from your work area until you are instructed individually, by the examiner, to do so."
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will have 40 minutes to complete this section."
"You will be informed when you have 20 minutes remaining."
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."
(2) "You may begin."

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

2.1 Haircutting supplies are labeled in English
2.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
2.3 Performs scalp analysis
2.4 Demonstrates safe use of clippers and comb without guard or detachable blade
2.5 Demonstrates safe use of clippers with guard or detachable blade
2.6 Demonstrates safe use of comb and shears
2.7 Establishes outline around ears
2.8 Shaves sides of the neck using straight razor to include reverse backhand stroke

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before the timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
"Please stop working. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
"May I please use your comb to check the haircut?"

2.9 Hair in front of ear is uniform in length (sideburns)
2.10 Haircut blended without weight line
2.11 At least ½ inch of hair is cut throughout

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Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually after the final appearance of the haircut has been examined:
"Please clean up your hair at this time. Upon completion, please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."

2.12 Removes hair from work area
2.13 Maintains drape throughout section
2.14 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidates when all examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment:
"All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed."

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3. WORK AREA AND NEW CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES (15 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
"You will breakdown your work area and dispose of supplies used in the previous sections of this examination."
"You will prepare your work area for a NEW client."
"You will set up the universal supplies you will use for the remainder of the examination."
"You will also set up the supplies for the Shaving with a Straight Razor section of the examination."
"You will prepare your client for a shave."
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will have 15 minutes to complete this section."
"You will be informed when you have 8 minutes remaining."
"Do not demonstrate any procedures until the verbal instructions are given and you are instructed to begin."
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."
(2) "You may begin."

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

3.1 Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled in English as EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant
3.2 Sanitizes hands with product labeled in English
3.3 Universal supplies are labeled in English
3.4 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
"Please stop working."

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4. SHAVING WITH A STRAIGHT RAZOR (Variable Timing)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
"You will prepare to perform shaving with a straight razor."
"You will prepare the model's face by lathering and steaming."
"Do not remove the steam towel until instructed to do so by the examiner."
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will have 5 minutes to complete this section."
"You will be informed when you have 2 minutes remaining."
"Do not demonstrate any procedures until the verbal instructions are given and you are instructed to begin."
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."
(2) "You may begin."

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

4.1 Shaving supplies are labeled in English
4.2 Sets up implements that are visibly clean
4.3 Lathers beard and mustache area
4.4 Steam towel is applied

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before the timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
"Please stop working. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates after all candidates have stepped back to indicate that they have completed their preparation:
"You will perform Shaving with a Straight Razor."
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will be instructed individually by the examiner when to remove the towel, re-lather, and begin the shave."
"This is an untimed section."
"Do not remove the steam towel or demonstrate any strokes until instructed individually by the examiner to do so."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
"Please remove the steam towel, re-lather, and demonstrate the first 5 shaving strokes."

4.5 Removes steam towel and lather
4.6 Re-lathers beard and mustache
4.7 Demonstrates freehand stroke in areas 1, 3, and 4 safely

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4.8 Demonstrates backhand stroke in area 2
4.9 Demonstrates reverse freehand stroke in area 5

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually after the shaving with a straight razor has been examined:
"Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates after demonstrated strokes are evaluated:
"All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
"Do not demonstrate any additional shaving strokes."
"You will perform the finishing steps of the service."
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will have 5 minutes to complete this section."
"You will be informed when you have 2 minutes remaining."
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."
(2) "You may begin."

4.10 Completes the shaving service
4.11 Maintains drape throughout section
4.12 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
"Please stop working."

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5. BLOOD EXPOSURE PROCEDURE (10 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
"You will demonstrate the Blood Exposure Procedure."

"You will imagine the following scenario: During a service, you have sustained a minor cut to your index finger. The injury is such that you can continue with the service. Your work area or client has not been contaminated. You are expected to demonstrate the proper procedure for a blood exposure."

"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will have 10 minutes to complete this section."
"You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining."
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."
(2) "You may begin."

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

5.1 Blood exposure supplies are labeled in English
5.2 Removes materials from first aid kit
5.3 Supplies and materials are visibly clean
5.4 Cleans injured area with antiseptic
5.5 Covers with dressing that is absorbent and secured
5.6 Candidate wears glove or finger guard
5.7 Disposes of all contaminated supplies

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
"Please stop working."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read when all examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed**:**
"You will breakdown your work area and dispose of supplies used in the previous sections of the examination."
"You will set up the supplies for the following sections of the examination:
Chemical Waving
Predisposition and Strand test
Chemical Relaxer – Virgin Application
Hair Color – Retouch Application
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will have 10 minutes to complete your set up."
"You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining."
"Do not demonstrate any procedures until the verbal instructions are given and you are instructed to begin."

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"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."
(2) "You may begin."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
"Please stop working."

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6. CHEMICAL WAVING (20 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
"You will perform Chemical Waving."
"You will prepare your client for services."
"You will wrap the entire center back section of the head, from crown to nape."
"Once you are finished wrapping, please step back and do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will have 20 minutes to complete this section."
"You will be informed when you have 10 minutes remaining."
"Do not perform the saturation procedure, a test curl, or remove a rod until instructed individually by the examiner to do so."
"Do not remove the remaining rods until you are instructed to do so."
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."
(2) "You may begin."

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

6.1 Chemical waving supplies are labeled in English
6.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
6.3 Performs scalp analysis
6.4 Subsections hair for chemical waving
6.5 Wraps hair
6.6 Correct rod placement used throughout entire section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
"Please stop working. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given."

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
"Please demonstrate saturation"

6.7 Demonstrates saturation

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
"Please demonstrate a test curl."

6.8 Demonstrates a test curl

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
"Please remove one rod from the hair."

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Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Once rod is removed from the hair, read individually to candidate:
"Do not remove the remaining rods until instructed to do so."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read when all examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed**:**
"All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
"You will remove all remaining rods from the head and create 4 quadrants/sections for the remaining chemical services."
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will have 5 minutes to complete this section."
"You will be informed when you have 2 minutes remaining."
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."
(2) "You may begin."

6.9 Maintains drape throughout section
6.10 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
"Please stop working."

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7. PREDISPOSITION TEST AND STRAND TEST WITH SIMULATED PRODUCT (10 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
"You will complete a simulated Predisposition Test and Strand Test."
"You will demonstrate the predisposition test behind the ear."
"You will demonstrate the strand test on any area of the head."
"There is no required wait time for results."
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will have 10 minutes to complete this section."
"You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining."
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."
(2) "You may begin."

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

7.1 Predisposition test and strand test supplies are labeled in English
7.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
7.3 Demonstrates predisposition test behind the ear
7.4 Demonstrates strand test
7.5 Maintains drape throughout section
7.6 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
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8. CHEMICAL RELAXER - VIRGIN APPLICATION (15 Minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
"You will perform a Chemical Hair Relaxer - Virgin Application."
"You will apply simulated relaxer product on one back quadrant/section of hair."
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will have 15 minutes to complete this section."
"You will be informed when you have 8 minutes remaining."
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."
(2) "You may begin."

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

8.1 Virgin hair relaxer supplies are labeled in English
8.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
8.3 Subsections hair for relaxer application
8.4 Applies simulated relaxer product
8.5 Maintains drape throughout section
8.6 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
"Please stop working."

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9. HAIR COLOR - RETOUCH APPLICATION (15 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates
"You will perform a Hair Color Retouch Application."
"You will apply simulated product to the other back quadrant/section of hair."
"The client has 1 inch of regrowth."
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You have 15 minutes to complete this section."
"You will be informed when you have 8 minutes remaining."
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."
(2) "You may begin."

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

9.1 Hair color retouch supplies are labeled in English
9.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
9.3 Subsections hair for hair color retouch
9.4 Applies simulated hair color product
9.5 Final result of hair color retouch application
9.6 Maintains drape throughout section
9.7 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
"All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed."

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
"Please stop working."

CANDIDATE CLEANUP AND FINAL SUMMARY

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates at the conclusion of the examination:
"All examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment."
"Make sure that all kit supplies and disposable materials are taken with you."
"This concludes the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology, National Barbering Practical Examination."
"Thank you for your participation."

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SUGGESTED EXAMINATION SUPPLIES

Suggested supply list:

- This is a list of suggested supplies for the practical examination.
- Candidates are responsible for bringing all needed materials, even if not included on this list.

Information related to labeling of supplies:

- ALL supplies must be labeled in English
- No other languages can be present unless an original manufacturer's label is present
- Original manufacturers' labels MUST have English and may be multi-language
- All other created labels must be only English

EXAMINATION UNIVERSAL/GENERAL SUPPLIES

- candidate supply kit to serve as dry storage area (must be closeable)
- hospital grade (level), EPA-registered disinfectant with manufacturer's label that demonstrates bactericidal, fungicidal and virucidal properties must be used (must be actual disinfectant)
- hand sanitizer and manufacturer's label (must be actual hand sanitizer)
- container labeled "items to be disinfected" (recommended: free-standing paper sack with plastic liner)
- container labeled "soiled linens" (recommended: free-standing paper sack with plastic liner)
- container labeled "trash" (recommended: free-standing paper sack with plastic liner)
- first aid kit
- paper towels

HAIR CARE – UNIVERSAL/GENERAL SUPPLIES

- mannequin head(s) and a table clamp or tri-pod (pre-markings or pre-sectioning on mannequins is not permitted)
- protective capes (recommended: child size capes)
- neck strip(s)
- cloth towels
- hair clip(s) and/or clamp(s)
- comb(s)
- hair brush(es)
- shaving cream (non-aerosol)
- spray bottle with water
- spatula(s)
- gloves

HAIRCUTTING SUPPLIES

- protective capes (recommended: child size capes)
- shears
- clippers (clippers MUST have actual electrical cord)
- guards/detachable blades
- straight razor(s)
- shaving cream (non-aerosol)

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SHAVING SUPPLIES

- protective capes (recommended: child size capes)
- straight razor(s)
- shaving cream (non-aerosol)
- steam towel
- toner, talc, or moisturizer

BLOOD EXPOSURE PROCEDURE SUPPLIES

- additional bag for disposal of blood-contaminated materials

CHEMICAL WAVING SUPPLIES

- protective capes (recommended: child size capes)
- chemical wave rods
- cotton
- protective cream
- end papers
- simulated waving lotion (water)

PREDISPOSITION TEST AND STRAND TEST SUPPLIES

- skin cleanser
- applicator brush
- bowl or bottle applicator with colored simulated product

CHEMICAL RELAXER SUPPLIES

- protective capes (recommended: child size capes)
- protective cream
- applicator brush
- bowl or bottle applicator with colored simulated product

HAIR COLOR SUPPLIES

- protective capes (recommended: child size capes)
- protective cream
- applicator brush
- bowl or bottle applicator with colored simulated product

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NIC INFECTION CONTROL AND SAFETY STANDARDS

DISINFECTION

~Prior to use on any client, all non-porous tools and implements or multi-use items must be cleaned **AND** disinfected. Items must be cleaned with soap and warm water or a chemical cleaner. The items must then be disinfected by complete immersion in an EPA registered, bactericidal, virucidal, fungicidal (*Formulated for Hospitals*) disinfectant that is mixed and used according to the manufacturer's directions. When allowed by state rule/law, disinfectant sprays **OR** wipes that are bactericidal, virucidal and fungicidal are acceptable forms of disinfection following proper cleaning of the item.
Note: Porous items are considered to be single use items and can **NOT** be disinfected. These items are single use and are to be disposed of in the trash immediately after use.

~Tools, implements, and multi-use items **MUST** stay immersed or visibly moist with disinfectant for the entire contact time listed on the manufacturer's label to be effective.

~All disinfectant solutions must be mixed and changed per the manufacturer's instructions.

HAND WASHING

~Thoroughly wash hands and the exposed portions of arms with soap and water before providing services to each client and anytime hands become contaminated.

NAIL TECHNOLOGY

~Liquid Monomer containing Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) is prohibited for use during NIC National practical examinations.
~Due to the testing environment, NIC requires low odor/odorless nail products be used during the NIC National practical examinations.

NIC Blood Exposure Procedure

The following guidelines should be used if a blood exposure should occur during a service:

Who is bleeding?

Client

1. Stop Service.
2. Put gloves on.
3. If appropriate, assist client to sink and rinse the injured area under running water.
4. Pat dry with a new, clean, disposable towel.
5. Offer/apply antiseptic & adhesive bandage.
6. Place all single use items in a bag and place in a trash receptacle.
7. Remove all implements from station and properly clean and disinfect.
8. Clean and disinfect work area.
9. Remove and dispose of gloves.
10. Wash hands.
11. Return to service.

Licensee

1. Stop Service.
2. Explain the situation and excuse yourself from the service.
3. If appropriate, rinse injured area under running water.
4. Pat dry with a new, clean, disposable towel.
5. Apply antiseptic & adhesive bandage.
6. Put gloves on.
7. Place all single use items in a bag and place in a trash receptacle.
8. Remove all implements from the work area and properly clean and disinfect.
9. Clean & disinfect work area.
10. Remove and dispose of gloves.
11. Wash hands.
12. If necessary cover injured area with a protective finger cot or new glove.
13. Return to service.

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